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Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT

MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Handbook Program

OCI and OBI have held informal discussions concerning

the desirability and feasibility of transferring the OCI Hand-

book program to OBI. It is our conclusion that such a transfer

is desirable. If the Handbooks were prepared on an authoritative

IAC basis, as they should be, they would form a natural supple-

ment to the National Intelligence Surveys. It is our opinion

that the usefulness of both would be enhanced.

OBI believes that assumption of responsibility for the

Handbook program on their part would necessitate additional

positions, possibly in the measure of six. (See attached OBI

staff study.) This estimate is subject to further study.

If you approve of the transfer in principle, as we hereby

recommend that you do, your authorization is requested to place

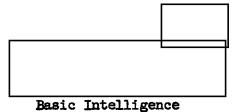
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the subject of the Handbook program on the agenda of the NIS Committee in order to ascertain whether the IAC members will support the program as an official part of the NIS service to the government.

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Attachment:

OBI Staff Study w/Tab A

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